

FIFTH DAY—*Wednesday, 8th October 1930.*

The House re-assembled at 12 NOON.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—(Contd.)

MESSRS. TUDKI RAMANNA GOWDA, H. SRINIVASA NAIK
and B. GOPALACHAR (Thirthahalli Taluk).—

Q.—29. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) Whether the Government are aware of the Muzrai portion being included in the Municipal area in the town of Thirthahalli?

(b) Whether this Muzrai portion is measured and fixed?

(c) What is the income from this portion of the town?

(d) To what funds is this credited?

(e) Whether the Government are aware of the fact that the Muzrai—Municipal controversy has resulted in the gradual decrease in the Municipal income?

(f) How long the Municipal Councillors and others are requesting the Government to pass final order in the matter?

(g) What is the total amount collected on the Muzrai portion of the town after the passing of the Government Order abolishing the mohatarfa on the inam lands?

(h) What is the amount credited to the Municipal funds out of the above amount?

(i) Whether any amount is paid towards the repairs in the Municipality out of the collections credited to Muzrai funds?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—29. (a) Yes.

(b) Measured and fixed by the District Surveyor. The matter has been referred to the Inam Superintendent to furnish details about the nature, extent and boundaries of the inam portion of the Thirthahalli town.

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(c) Jamabandi-Mohatarfa Rs. 1,694—0—0
Professional tax Rs. 465-15—0

(d) Three-fourths of mohatarfa tax collected goes to the temple, while one-fourth goes to the Municipality. Professional tax is entirely credited to the Municipality.

(e) Government have no information.

(f) Since January 1927, when the Dewan toured in the Shimoga District.

(g) Rs. 3,313-12—0

(h) Rs. 836—0—0

(i) *Vide* answer to (d)

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Tudki Ramanna Gowda.—

When can the Inam Superintendent's report be expected?

Dewan.—

We shall try to get it early.

Mr. Tudki Ramanna Gowda.—

What proportion of the income under Mohatarfa is going to the Municipality?

Financial Secretary.—

One-fourth.

Mr. Tudki Ramanna Gowda.—

What is the justification of three-fourths of the collections being credited to the Muzrai funds?

Financial Secretary.—

The practice has been in vogue ever since 1894 and it will be a difficult matter to change it now.

Mr. Tudki Ramanna Gowda.—

In view of the need for additional revenue will the Government be pleased to sanction extra grants to the Municipality?

First Member of Council.—

It is for the Municipality to impose additional taxation.

Mr. Tudki Ramanna Gowda.—

Are there any other examples of Municipalities receiving only one-fourth of the Mohatarfa collections, the balance being credited to other accounts?

First Member of Council.—

As the town is built on temple lands, the temple has naturally a claim on it.

Mr. Tudki Ramanna Gowda.—

In that case, why should not the temple authorities themselves take over the management of all Municipal affairs in the town?

First Member of Council.—

It might perhaps be done, if the Municipality is prepared to give up its position. But, the question does not arise now.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Does the order relating to the abolition of Mohatarfa apply to Municipalities also or only to Village Panchayets?

First Member of Council.—

That is a matter of opinion which I am not prepared to give now.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Is there any decrease in the total demand of the Municipality?

First Member of Council.—

I want notice.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Are the Government aware that the Revenue Commissioner has suggested that the Municipality might purchase the land from the temple?

First Member of Council.—

There is some such proposal.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Why is there delay in settling the matter in that case?

Financial Secretary.—

That is due to the fact that the Municipality has not yet agreed to the proposal.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Would it be possible to ask the Municipality to settle the question soon?

Financial Secretary.—

That will be done after the receipt of the Inam Superintendent's Report.

MR. YAJAMAN MUNISAMI SETTY (Minority Interest).—

Q.—30. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) Whether they are aware that the Jothinagara Vaisya Community is a minor community deserving of special encouragement in the management of local bodies by the grant of special representations for the community?

(b) In view of the above, will the Government be pleased to order the return of a member of the community as a special case to each of the following bodies in whose jurisdiction the majority of the community people reside:—

(1) District Board, Bangalore,

(2) City Municipal Council, Bangalore?

(c) How many people of the Jothinagara Vaisya Community have taken their B.A. degree in the Mysore University?

(d) How many of such graduates had applied for appointments in the State Service?

(e) How many of such applicants were given appointments, in what departments, and on what salary?

(f) In view of the exceedingly small number of graduates in the community and also in view of the non-representation of the community in the higher grades of State Service, whether the Government will be pleased to extend special consideration by giving the graduates employed already early chances to be promoted to higher services?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—30. (a) No.

(b) No.